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In response to the Official Action dated April 27, 2009, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on July 27, 2009, Applicants respectfully request

reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks. If any additional extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any

necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any

other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit

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